

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 - 4. (canceled)

1 5. (currently amended) A holder for a collar centered
2 on an axis and having an axially forwardly directed shoulder and
3 axially rearward thereof a radially outwardly directed centering
4 surface, the holder comprising:

5 a drive sleeve also centered on the axis and fitted over
6 the collar;

7 a plurality of angularly spaced jaws in the sleeve having
8 outer ends each formed with an axially rearwardly directed face,
9 the jaws being displaceable radially between an outer clamping
10 position with their faces bearing on the shoulder and an inner
11 releasing position with their faces out of engagement with the
12 collar;

13 means including an axially displaceable actuating member
14 in the sleeve for moving the jaws between their inner and outer
15 positions; and

16 a retainer having a plurality of axially extending
17 fingers each having a front end with an axially rearwardly directed
18 face and axially rearward thereof a radially outwardly directed
19 centering face, the fingers each being radially elastically
20 deformable between an outer position with the front-end faces
21 bearing axially rearward on the shoulder and the centering faces
22 bearing radially outward on the collar centering surface and an

23 inner position out of contact with the collar, each finger being
24 formed with a radially outwardly open notch between the respective
25 centering face and the respective rearwardly directed face.

1 6. (previously presented) The holder defined in claim 5
2 wherein the centering surface of the collar is substantially
3 cylindrical and centered on the axis and the centering faces of the
4 fingers are complementarily part cylindrical.

1 7. (previously presented) The holder defined in claim 5
2 wherein the fingers are in the outer positions when unstressed.

1 8. (canceled)